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DOE grid 'grenade' shakes up reliability debate

Geof Koss, Sam Mintz and Hannah Northey, E&E News reporters • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:39:07

"We encourage the Commission to adopt extended deadlines for these comments that are more commensurate with the stakes of this proceeding and are at least the same duration that the Commission typically affords such matters of this importance," they wrote. The time factor is on the minds of lawmakers too. "The time frame set by the DOE is extraordinarily too short for such a transformative, impactful type of shift in federal policy that is going to impact all consumers across the country and all businesses," said Castor. "Hopefully smarter heads will prevail on that time frame." [[read more ...](#)]

FERC sets quick timeframe to consider Perry's request

By ANTHONY ADRAGNA, Politico • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:39:23

Representatives of oil, natural gas, wind, solar and other sectors urged FERC in a Monday letter to pump the brakes on Energy Secretary Rick Perry's request for a quick turnaround on the new rules, Pro's Darius Dixon reports. [[read more ...](#)]

Perry's Coal Proposal Unlikely to Reverse Historic Decline

By Tim Loh, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:39:57

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry's plan to reward coal-fired power plants that keep large stockpiles of fuel won't be enough to reverse the industry's long-term decline, analysts say. Perry has proposed extra payments for power generators with at least 90 days' worth of supplies on site, arguing that will make America's electric grid more "resilient" in the face of major supply disruptions. [[read more ...](#)]

Perry's proposed grid rule scrambles energy alliances: Kemp

By John Kemp, Reuters • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:40:18

U.S. Energy Secretary Rick Perry's attempt to save the coal and nuclear industries by proposing a new grid resiliency rule is making for some odd bedfellows across the energy

sector. The proposed grid resiliency rule threatens to turn two of the Trump administration's most loyal groups of supporters against one another, as the gas and coal industries square off for a fight over market share. [[read more ...](#)]

Divided U.S. Solar Sector Spars Over Trade Relief at Hearing

By Nichola Groom, Reuters • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:40:43

U.S. solar manufacturers on Tuesday asked federal trade officials to impose tariffs on cheap foreign-made panels, clashing with companies who rely on those products to build low-priced projects that can compete with gas and coal. In a closely-watched case, the U.S. International Trade Commission is set to recommend measures to prop up the small domestic solar manufacturing industry after it ruled unanimously last month that producers have been harmed by imports. It must deliver its report by Nov.13 to President Donald Trump, who will then decide how to proceed. [[read more ...](#)]

Dawn of Solar Age Declared as PV Beats All Other Forms of Power

By Anna Hirtenstein, Bloomberg • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:41:11

Solar power blossomed faster than for any other fuel for the first time in 2016, the International Energy Agency said in a report suggesting the technology will dominate renewables in the years ahead. The institution established after the first major oil crisis in 1973 said 165 gigawatts of renewables were completed last year, which was two-thirds of the net expansion in electricity supply. Solar grew by 50 percent, with almost half new plants built in China. [[read more ...](#)]

IEA Lifts Five-Year Renewables Forecast After Record 2016

By Nina Chestney, Reuters • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:41:35

The International Energy Agency (IEA) has raised its forecasts for renewable energy over the next five years following a record 2016, mainly driven by a surge in solar photovoltaic (PV) capacity in China, India and the United States. In its medium-term renewables market report, the IEA expects global renewable electricity capacity to rise by more than 920 gigawatts, or 43 percent, by 2022, due to supportive policies for low-carbon energy and cost reductions for solar PV and wind. [[read more ...](#)]

New York To BOEM: Here's Where We Can Build Offshore Wind

By North American Wind Power • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:41:49

The proposal is the result of work undertaken by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA), the New York Department of State and the New York Department of Environmental Conservation. The proposal requests that BOEM use the Area of Consideration for an Area Identification process, through which BOEM would delineate specific Wind Energy Areas for future leasing through engagement with stakeholders and local communities, as well as the completion of federal and state regulatory reviews. [[read more ...](#)]

Rocky Mountain Power opens competitive bidding for wind

power expansion projects

By Daily Energy Insider • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:42:05

In an effort to find the most efficient way to add at least 1,200 megawatts of wind energy to the resource mix of a six-state service area by 2020, Rocky Mountain Power opened a competitive bidding process for wind projects last week. [[read more ...](#)]

Alliant reveals Prairie plans

By Renewable Energy News • • Posted 2017-10-04 06:42:55

Alliant Energy plans to start construction in spring 2018 of the 300MW Upland Prairie wind farm in Iowa. The announcement follows an agreement with developer Apex Clean Energy for the 121-turbine project in Clay and Dickinson counties in the northwest of the US state. [[read more ...](#)]

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